

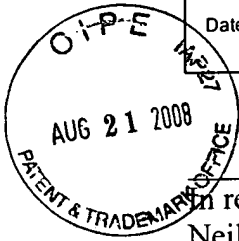
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PHARMACOLOGICAL AGENTS, METHODS
FOR THE PREPARATION THEREOF AND
METHODS FOR THE USE THEREOF

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated February 21, 2008 (Paper No. 20080216), for which a response is due on May 21, 2008. A petition and fee for a three months extension of time was filed on August 18, 2008, thereby extending the deadline for response to August 21, 2008. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.